

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An interactive tool for configuring a portal, comprising:
a first user interface operable to define and/or manage the portal;
a second user interface operable to define and/or manage personalization of the portal;
wherein the portal can include at least one of the following portal resources: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, a theme, a menu, and a layout; and
2. The interactive tool of claim 1, further comprising:
at least one user interface operable to define and/or manage one of: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, and a layout.
3. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:
a desktop can be defined based on a template.
4. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:
a desktop is a user-specific view of a portal.
5. The interactive tool of claim 1, further comprising:
a third user interface operable to define and/or manage a desktop; and
wherein the third user interface can render a preview of the desktop.
6. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:
the portal can be depicted graphically as a hierarchy of the at least one portal resources.
7. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:
the first user interface includes a context-sensitive editor.
8. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:

the first user interface includes a hierarchy browser.

9. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:
an entitlement determines what capabilities are available to a portal visitor for the at least one resources.
10. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:
an entitlement is based on a user role.
11. The interactive tool of claim 1, further comprising:
a third user interface operable to define and/or manage content; and
wherein content is part of a virtual content repository (VCR).
12. The interactive tool of claim 11 wherein:
the third user interface allows a user to modify the VCR by dragging and dropping graphical objects representing VCR nodes.
13. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:
a portlet can dynamically present content.
14. The interactive tool of claim 1, further comprising:
a fourth user interface operable to define and/or manage entitlements for at least one portal resource; and
wherein an entitlement determines what capabilities are available to a portal visitor for the at least one resources.
15. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:
the second user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content placeholder.
16. The interactive tool of claim 1 wherein:
the second user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content selector.

17. The interactive tool of claim 1, further comprising:
a fifth user interface operable to define and/or manage delegated administration.
18. An interactive tool for configuring a portal, comprising:
a first user interface operable to define and/or manage the portal;
a second user interface operable to define and/or manage personalization of the portal;
a third user interface operable to define and/or manage entitlements for at least one portal resource;
wherein an entitlement determines what capabilities are available to a portal visitor for the at least one resources; and
wherein the portal can include at least one of the following portal resources: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, a theme, a menu, and a layout.
19. The interactive tool of claim 18, further comprising:
at least one user interface operable to define and/or manage one of: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, and a layout.
20. The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:
a desktop can be defined based on a template.
21. The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:
a desktop is a user-specific view of a portal.
22. The interactive tool of claim 18, further comprising:
a third user interface operable to define and/or manage a desktop; and
wherein the third user interface can render a preview of the desktop.
23. The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:
the portal can be depicted graphically as a hierarchy of the at least one portal resources.

24. The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:
wherein the first user interface includes a context-sensitive editor.
25. The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:
the first user interface includes a hierarchy browser.
26. The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:
an entitlement is based on a user role.
27. The interactive tool of claim 18, further comprising:
a third user interface operable to define and/or manage content; and
wherein content is part of a virtual content repository (VCR).
28. The interactive tool of claim 27 wherein:
the third user interface allows a user to modify the VCR by dragging and dropping
graphical objects representing VCR nodes.
29. The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:
a portlet can dynamically present content.
30. The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:
the second user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content placeholder.
31. The interactive tool of claim 18 wherein:
the second user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content selector.
32. The interactive tool of claim 18, further comprising:
a fifth user interface operable to define and/or manage delegated administration.
33. A method for configuring a portal, comprising:
providing a first user interface operable to define and/or manage the portal;

providing a second user interface operable to define and/or manage personalization of the portal; and

wherein the portal can include at least one of the following portal resources: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, a theme, a menu, and a layout.

34. The method of claim 33, further comprising:

providing at least one user interface operable to define and/or manage one of: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, and a layout.

35. The method of claim 33 wherein:

a desktop can be defined based on a template.

36. The method of claim 33 wherein:

a desktop is a user-specific view of a portal.

37. The method of claim 33, further comprising:

providing a third user interface operable to define and/or manage a desktop; and wherein the third user interface can render a preview of the desktop.

38. The method of claim 33 wherein:

the portal can be depicted graphically as a hierarchy of the at least one portal resources.

39. The method of claim 33 wherein:

wherein the first user interface includes a context-sensitive editor.

40. The method of claim 33 wherein:

the first user interface includes a hierarchy browser.

41. The method of claim 33 wherein:

an entitlement determines what capabilities are available to a portal visitor for the at least one resources.

42. The method of claim 33 wherein:
an entitlement is based on a user role.
43. The method of claim 33, further comprising:
providing a third user interface operable to define and/or manage content; and
wherein content is part of a virtual content repository (VCR).
44. The method of claim 43 wherein:
the third user interface allows a user to modify the VCR by dragging and dropping
graphical objects representing VCR nodes.
45. The method of claim 33 wherein:
a portlet can dynamically present content.
46. The method of claim 33, further comprising:
providing a fourth user interface operable to define and/or manage entitlements for at
least one portal resource; and
wherein an entitlement determines what capabilities are available to a portal visitor
for the at least one resources.
47. The method of claim 33 wherein:
the second user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content placeholder.
48. The method of claim 33 wherein:
the second user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content selector.
49. The method of claim 33, further comprising:
providing a fifth user interface operable to define and/or manage delegated
administration.

50. A machine readable medium having instructions stored thereon that when executed by a processor cause a system to:
- provide a first user interface operable to define and/or manage the portal;
 - provide a second user interface operable to define and/or manage personalization of the portal; and
- wherein the portal can include at least one of the following portal resources: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, a theme, a menu, and a layout.
51. The machine readable medium of claim 50, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:
- at least one user interface operable to define and/or manage one of: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, and a layout.
52. The machine readable medium of claim 50 wherein:
- a desktop can be defined based on a template.
53. The machine readable medium of claim 50 wherein:
- a desktop is a user-specific view of a portal.
54. The machine readable medium of claim 50, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:
- provide a third user interface operable to define and/or manage a desktop; and
 - wherein the third user interface can render a preview of the desktop.
55. The machine readable medium of claim 50 wherein:
- the portal can be depicted graphically as a hierarchy of the at least one portal resources.
56. The machine readable medium of claim 50 wherein:
- wherein the first user interface includes a context-sensitive editor.
57. The machine readable medium of claim 50 wherein:

the first user interface includes a hierarchy browser.

58. The machine readable medium of claim 50 wherein:
an entitlement determines what capabilities are available to a portal visitor for the at least one resources.
59. The machine readable medium of claim 50 wherein:
an entitlement is based on a user role.
60. The machine readable medium of claim 50, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:
provide a third user interface operable to define and/or manage content; and
wherein content is part of a virtual content repository (VCR).
61. The machine readable medium of claim 60 wherein:
the third user interface allows a user to modify the VCR by dragging and dropping graphical objects representing VCR nodes.
62. The machine readable medium of claim 50 wherein:
a portlet can dynamically present content.
63. The machine readable medium of claim 50, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:
provide a fourth user interface operable to define and/or manage entitlements for at least one portal resource.
64. The machine readable medium of claim 50 wherein:
the second user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content placeholder.
65. The machine readable medium of claim 50 wherein:
the second user interface is operable to define and/or manage a content selector.

66. The machine readable medium of claim 50, further comprising instructions that when executed cause the system to:

provide a fifth user interface operable to define and/or manage delegated administration.

67. A computer data signal embodied in a transmission medium, comprising:

a code segment including instructions to provide a first user interface operable to define and/or manage the portal;

a code segment including instructions to provide a second user interface operable to define and/or manage entitlements for at least one portal resource; and

wherein the portal can include at least one of the following portal resources: a desktop, a book, a page, a portlet, a shell, a look and feel, and a layout.